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SUBJECT: LTP – EQIP – 2005 SCORING

Purpose. To provide scoring edit for Organic Conservation Crop Rotation in 2005.

Expiration Date. September 31, 2005.

Provision #5 under 328b, Organic Conservation Crop Rotation Incentive, states, “Participants eligible for ‘Organic Conservation Crop Rotation’ incentive payments are not eligible for other conservation practices used in the organic farming operation including residue management, cover crop, nutrient management, pest management, and similar practices.”

An unintended consequence of this provision change is that 328b will not score on the Minnesota scoring worksheet as it had in the past. This bulletin transmits additional instructions of how to score 328b Organic Conservation Crop Rotation.

For 2005, field offices should score 328b Organic Conservation Crop Rotation as if it were 595, Pest Management, under Factor B1, for 6 points. For organic applications, check the box for 6 points under Factor B1 in the access scoring database. All other scoring aspects remain the same.

Questions should be directed to your ASTC(FO) or, from the Area, to Tim Koehler, Assistant State Conservationist.

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